

BEFORE THE BOARD OF CONTRACTORS

STATE OF IDAHO

In the Matter of the Registration of:)	
)	Case No. CON-2007-70
RONALD A. STILL,)	
Registration No. RCT-1031,)	STIPULATION AND
)	CONSENT ORDER
Respondent.)	
_____)	

WHEREAS, information has been received by the Idaho State Board of Contractors (the "Board") that constitutes sufficient grounds for the initiation of an administrative action against Ronald A. Still ("Respondent"); and

WHEREAS, the parties mutually agree to settle the matter in an expeditious manner in lieu of administrative hearings before the Board; now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED between the undersigned parties that this matter shall be settled and resolved upon the following terms:

A. Stipulated Facts and Law

A.1. The Board regulates the practice of contracting in the State of Idaho in accordance with title 54, chapter 52, Idaho Code.

A.2. The Board has issued Registration No. RCT-1031 to Respondent. Respondent's registration is subject to the provisions of title 54, chapter 52, Idaho Code and the Board's rules at IDAPA 24.21.01, *et seq.*

A.3. On or about August 7, 2006, Respondent signed a contract to build a small addition to the house owned by Derek and Dawn Jerrels. The work included excavation, foundation, wall framing, removing existing siding to accommodate the addition, insulation, drywall tape and texture, and an arched window. The work was to be completed no later than September 15, 2006, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerrels paid Respondent \$1,400 (one-half of the contract amount), before Respondent began the work.

A.4. During the course of the work, Respondent removed 4 to 5 feet of siding that was not supposed to be removed, many of the joints of the addition were not flush, wall studs either did not touch at all or had not been properly nailed together, the new roof was not secured, the new area had visible swells and low points that extended beyond the roofline, cuts performed on plywood and beams were crooked or double cut, some of the boards that were used had "error cuts" that are $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through, and the addition was not properly attached to the house.

A.5. On September 12, 2006, the Elmore County Building Inspector advised Mrs. Jerrels that Respondent never obtained a building permit and did not have the foundation inspected. A stop work order was placed on the project, and Mrs. Jerrels instructed Respondent to collect his tools and leave the property.

A.6. On September 13, 2006, Mrs. Jerrels filed a small claims case against Respondent in Elmore County, Case No. CV-2006-1185. On December 21, 2006, Respondent paid Mrs. Jerrels' small claims case.

A.7. On January 3, 2007, Respondent informed the Bureau of Occupational Licenses Investigator that he was unable to finish the Jerrels project because of personal problems.

A.8. The allegations of Paragraphs A.3 through A.7, if proven, would violate the laws governing the practice of contracting, specifically Idaho Code §§ 54-5215(2)(g) (dishonest or dishonorable dealings) and 54-5215(2)(h) (failure to meeting the generally accepted standard of care in the practice of construction). Violations of these laws constitute grounds for disciplinary action against Respondent's registration to practice contracting in the State of Idaho.

B. Waiver of Procedural Rights

I, Ronald A. Still, by affixing my signature hereto, acknowledge that:

B.1. I have read, understand and admit the allegations pending before the Board, as stated in Section A, Paragraphs A.3 through A.7. I further understand that these

allegations constitute cause for disciplinary action upon my registration to practice contracting in the State of Idaho.

B.2. I understand that I have the right to a full and complete hearing; the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses; the right to present evidence or to call witnesses, or to testify myself; the right to reconsideration of the Board's orders; the right to judicial review of the Board's orders; and all rights accorded by the Administrative Procedure Act of the State of Idaho and the laws and rules governing the practice of contracting in the State of Idaho. I hereby freely and voluntarily waive these rights in order to enter into this Stipulation as a resolution of the pending allegations.

B.3. I understand that in signing this Stipulation I am enabling the Board to impose disciplinary action upon my registration without further process.

C. Stipulated Discipline

C.1. Respondent shall pay investigative costs and attorney fees in the amount of Three Hundred Twenty-Seven and No/100 Dollars (\$327.00) within thirty (30) days of the entry of the Board's Order.

C.2. Respondent's Registration No. RCT-1031 shall be placed on probation for a period of six (6) months. The conditions of probation are as follows:

a. Respondent shall comply with all state, federal and local laws, rules and regulations governing the practice of contracting in the State of Idaho.

b. Respondent shall inform the Board in writing of any change of place of practice or place of business within 15 days of such change.

c. If Respondent leaves Idaho for three (3) continuous months, or resides or practices outside of the state, Respondent must notify the Board in writing of the dates of departure, address of intended residence or place of business, and whether Respondent intends to return. Periods of time spent outside Idaho will not apply to satisfy this probationary period or excuse compliance with the terms of this Stipulation.

d. Respondent shall fully cooperate with the Board and its agents, and shall make all relevant files, records, correspondence or other documents available immediately upon the demand of any member of the Board and its agents.

C.3. At the conclusion of the six-month probationary period and provided Respondent has complied with all other terms of this Stipulation, Respondent may request from the Board termination of the conditions of probation. Any request for termination of probation must be accompanied by written proof of compliance with the terms of this Stipulation.

C.4. All costs associated with compliance with the terms of this Stipulation are the sole responsibility of Respondent.

C.5. The violation of any of the terms of this Stipulation by Respondent may warrant further Board action. The Board therefore retains jurisdiction over this proceeding until all matters are finally resolved as set forth in this Stipulation.

D. Presentation of Stipulation to Board

D.1. The Board's prosecutor shall present this Stipulation to the Board with a recommendation for approval.

D.2. The Board may accept, modify with Respondent's approval, or reject this Stipulation. If the Board rejects the Stipulation, an administrative Complaint may be filed with the Board. Respondent waives any right Respondent may have to challenge the Board's impartiality to hear the allegations in the administrative Complaint based on the fact that the Board has considered and rejected this Stipulation. Respondent does not waive any other rights regarding challenges to Board members.

D.3. If the Board rejects this Stipulation then, except for Respondent's waiver set forth in Paragraph D.2., this Stipulation shall be regarded as null and void, and admissions in this Stipulation and negotiations preceding the signing of this Stipulation will not be admissible at any subsequent disciplinary hearing.

D.4. Except for Paragraph D.2. which becomes effective when Respondent signs this Stipulation, this Stipulation shall not become effective until it has been approved by a majority of the Board and a Board member signs the attached Order.

E. Violation of Stipulation and Consent Order

E.1. If Respondent violates this Stipulation and Consent Order, the violation shall be considered grounds for additional discipline and the Board may impose additional discipline pursuant to the following procedure:

a. The Chief of the Bureau of Occupational Licenses shall schedule a hearing before the Board to assess whether Respondent has violated this Stipulation and Consent Order. The Chief shall also serve notice of the hearing and charges to Respondent and to Respondent's attorney, if any. Within twenty-one (21) days after the notice of the hearing and charges is served, Respondent may submit a response to the allegations. If Respondent does not submit a timely response to the Board, the alleged violations will be deemed admitted.

b. At the hearing, the Board and Respondent may submit evidence and present oral argument based upon the record in support of their positions. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, the evidentiary record before the Board shall be limited to evidence relevant to whether Respondent has violated this Stipulation and Consent Order. At the hearing the facts and substantive matters related to the violations described in Section A shall not be at issue.

c. At the hearing, the Board may impose additional discipline, which may include the suspension or revocation of Respondent's registration, the imposition of fines, the recovery of costs and attorney fees incurred by the Board and/or other conditions or limitations upon Respondent's practice.

E.2. This Stipulation and Consent Order is the resolution of a contested case and is a public record.

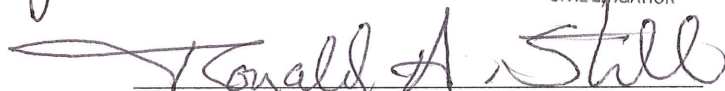
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E.3. This Stipulation contains the entire agreement between the parties, and Respondent is not relying on any other agreement or representation of any kind, verbal or otherwise.

I have read the above Stipulation fully and have had the opportunity to discuss it with legal counsel. I understand that by its terms I am waiving certain rights accorded me under Idaho law. I understand that the Board may either approve this Stipulation as proposed, approve it subject to specified changes, or reject it. I understand that, if approved as proposed, the Board will issue an Order on this Stipulation according to the aforementioned terms, and I hereby agree to the above Stipulation for settlement. I understand that if the Board approves this Stipulation subject to changes, and the changes are acceptable to me, the Stipulation will take effect and an order modifying the terms of the Stipulation will be issued. If the changes are unacceptable to me or the Board rejects this Stipulation, it will be of no effect.

DATED this 1 day of July, 2009.

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Ronald A. Still
Respondent

I recommend that the Board enter an Order based upon this Stipulation.

DATED this 7 day of July, 2009.

STATE OF IDAHO
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

By Karin Magnelli
Karin Magnelli
Deputy Attorney General

ORDER

Pursuant to Idaho Code § 54-5207, the foregoing is adopted as the decision of the Board of Contractors in this matter and shall be effective on the 28th day of JULY, 2009. **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

IDAHO STATE BOARD
OF CONTRACTORS

By Arthur Elliott
Arthur Elliott, Chair

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 28th day of July, 2009, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by the following method to:

Ronald A. Still
3905 NW Morris Way
Mountain Home, ID 83647

- ☒ U.S. Mail
- ☐ Hand Delivery
- ☒ Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
- ☐ Overnight Mail
- ☐ Facsimile: _____
- ☐ Statehouse Mail

Karin Magnelli
Deputy Attorney General
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0010

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Tana Cory
Tana Cory, Chief
Bureau of Occupational Licenses